

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 205

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Robert R. "Bob" Garrigus for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert R. "Bob" Garrigus is one such estimable person who has recently been honored with the establishment of the Dr. Robert R. Garrigus Scholarship Endowment Fund at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) School of Agribusiness and Agriscience in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, fondly known as either "Doc" or "Bob" by literally hundreds of people, Dr. Garrigus came to Middle Tennessee State University in 1967, where he soon established himself as a popular and effective Professor of Animal Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrigus received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kentucky, his Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois, and his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, his roots run deep in the field of animal science, as Bob Garrigus's father, Wesley Garrigus, served as Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Kentucky; his grandfather was head of the Agriculture Department at the University of Connecticut, and his uncle, Upson Garrigus, was a Professor of Animal Science at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Bob Garrigus began his career at Purdue University, where he served for a period of five years before becoming a member of the MTSU faculty; his outstanding thirty-four-year tenure at MTSU coincided with an unprecedented expansion of student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, his role in this expansion was exemplified by the important part he played in building and upgrading the Tennessee Livestock Center, which is currently one of the most popular livestock show arenas in the region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrigus has also contributed to the development of the Tennessee Beef Agribition, giving generously of his time, skills, and energy to bring the event to its current level of excellence; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the livestock judging coach, Bob Garrigus developed five new courses and taught ten different subjects; he was the advisor of the Block and Bridle Club, which was twice recognized as the most active chapter in the nation, served on the Faculty Senate and as Chair of the University Scholarship Committee, the Athletic Scholarship Committee, and the Appeals Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrigus was also active in the MTSU athletic program and served on the advisory board during the impressive upgrade of the football stadium and the move to Division I status; and

WHEREAS, Bob Garrigus is known as a superior livestock judge, but he takes more pride in the excellent judges he has trained over the years in the MTSU livestock judging program; teams trained by Dr. Garrigus have competed with great success in contests throughout the country, with his teams winning six national North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Livestock Judging Contests, which is more than any other school except Western Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrigus has always been genuinely interested in helping young men and women reach their fullest potential; this is one reason why he has been such an effective recruiter for MTSU; and

WHEREAS, his students now serve critical roles in many positions related to the beef industry; they include people who are directly involved in production, others who became veterinarians, serve in Extension or other educational roles, as well as those who have excelled in other careers but maintain vital interests in agriculture and beef production; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Bob Garrigus was recognized for outstanding teaching by the MTSU Foundation; active in breeding and promoting Polled

Herefords, he also won the Hall of Merit Award from the American Polled Hereford Association (APHA); and

WHEREAS, in addition, the APHA honored him for his outstanding youth work in 1988, and most recently, Dr. Garrigus has been honored by the MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience and many former students and friends by the establishment of the Dr. Robert R. Garrigus Scholarship Endowment Fund, which will provide scholarships for deserving Animal Science students at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Bob Garrigus is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jan Garrigus, and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Pam and Heather, and four grandchildren: Kristen, Nicole, Nicholas and Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrigus epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Bob Garrigus for his unswerving dedication to the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Robert R. "Bob" Garrigus for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, celebrate the establishment of the Dr. Robert R. Garrigus Scholarship Endowment Fund in his honor at the MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.